GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:628
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2005
FM TRANSMISSION BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given permission for FM transmission to private companies;

(b) if so, the details of the private companies which have been permitted;

(c) whether complaints have been received regarding transmission against these companies; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sixteen Private Companies signed License Agreements for 37 FM radio channels in 19 cities. However, only 22 FM channels were operationalised by nine companies in 12 cities. One of the company has since closed down its only radio station at Mumbai. A statement showing details of the companies and locations for which they signed license Agreements is at Annexure.

(c) & (d) A complaint from Prasar Bharati was received in June, 2002 regarding broadcasting of news & current affairs on a Private FM channel in Mumbai. The matter was taken up with the broadcaster, who had responded that it had happened inadvertently and that they have taken measures to ensure that this is not repeated. Other broadcasters were also asked to ensure the same. No further complaint regarding transmission of FM radio channel of any Licensee has been received.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 628 FOR 3.3.2005

Details of Private Companies which have signed License Agreement for FM Private Radio Stations.

Sl.No.	Name of Companies	Locations
1	M/s Entertainment Network (India) Ltd.	Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Indore, Ahemdabad, Pune, Bhubaneshwar#, Cuttack#, Jabalpur#, Lucknow# and Hyderabad#
2	Vertex Broadcasting Co Ltd.	Kolkata#, Bhopal#, Indore# and Vishakhapatnam#
3	India FM Radio Pvt. Ltd.	Kolkata
4	Radio Today (Mumbai) Broadcasting Pvt. Ltd.	Mumbai
5	Radio Today (Delhi)	Delhi
6	Radio Today (Calcutta)	Kolkata
7	Music Broadcast Pvt.Ltd.	Bangalore, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur#, Patna#, Delhi
8	Sun TV Pvt. Ltd	Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Chennai
9	Millennium Mumbai	Mumbai@

10 Millennium Delhi Delhi#

11 Millennium Chennai Chennai#

12 Udaya TV Visakhapatnam

13 Hitz Fm Radio India Pvt. Ltd Kolkata
14 Radio Mid-day West (India) Pvt Ltd Mumbai
15 Mid-day Radio North (India) Delhi#
16 Mid Day Broadcasting South (India) Ltd. Chennai#

= Not Operationalised
@ = Closed down on 29.04.2004